September 20, 2000

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Emergency and Remedial Response Division 290 Broadway, 19th Floor, Room W-20 New York, NY 10007-1866

Attention:

Ms. Janet Conetta

Strategic Integration Manager

Subject:

CLH Database for BioGenesis et al

Passaic River Study Area

Administrative Order on Consent Index No. II-CERCLA-0117

Dear Ms. Conetta:

Please find enclosed a compact disk (CD) containing data from the Passaic River Study Area RI/FS database being maintained by CLH. This submittal was agreed to during the meeting between CLH, EPA, Biogenesis, Roy F. Weston, Brookhaven National Laboratory, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on August 30, 2000. Copies of the CD are being distributed, as discussed at the meeting, to M. Amiran, K. Jones, J. Sontag, and E. Stern.

The CDs contain sediment data from within the Study Area that have been validated and submitted to the Agency. Since the purpose of this submittal is to evaluate a treatment technology, grab samples from the 1999 Late Summer/Early Fall sampling effort, which represent only recently-deposited surficial sediment, are not included.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal or the data contained on the CD, please call me at 757-258-7720.

Sincerely,

Clifford E. Firstenberg

Project Manager

On behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation

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(as successor to Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company)

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